

TRAGEDY RESULTING FROM MARRIAGE OF YOUNG GIRL TO AN AGED MAN

THE failure of a marriage—the tragedies that followed in the train of the union of an old man and a young woman—have come to notice through one of the most sensational will cases ever brought to the Michigan courts. The case is a contest in the Genesee county probate court over the remarkable will of Mrs. Grace Newton, wife of Judge William Newton, who shot herself fatally on the afternoon of August 31st last.

It was a strange will. Perhaps its most remarkable portion is her request that her remains be cremated and her ashes scattered to the four winds by William Crapo Orrell.

This request has not been carried out. Instead her body was placed in an hermetically sealed casket and buried in Glenwood cemetery, Flint. Mrs. Newton's estate, comprising \$12,000 left her by her uncle, Charles Stone, of New York, and several thousand dollars in mortgages assigned to her by her husband, who is a wealthy man. The will disposes of only \$5,000. It was written on fine note paper, in an easy, flowing hand, on the day of her death, and was witnessed by two colored servants.

Judge Newton's attorneys claim that the instrument is not legally entitled to be received, as it does not conform to the statutes, because its maker was not competent to make a will, and she was unduly influenced.

The document, after the opening phrases, reads as follows:

"I wish all debts and my funeral expenses paid out of what funds there are remaining on deposit in either the Union Trust or Genesee County Savings Bank. I wish my body to be cremated and my ashes scattered to the four winds by William Crapo Orrell. Next, to my son I leave my Loyal Guard Life Insurance policy of \$2,000. Out of any money that may come to me from the estate of my uncle, Chas. Stone, I leave my mother, Frances Hughes, \$2,000; my father, E. T. Hughes, \$1,000; my sister, Jessie M. Hughes, \$1,000; my brother, Edward, Jr., \$500; my sister, Constance, \$500.

"My diamond ring to my friend Florence Orrell, my sealskin cape to Mrs. E. C. Turner, my sealskin coat to Mrs. E. T. Hughes, my mother. Any one of my stickpins to be given to Mrs. Francis Hyatt, one also to Miss Algeo, Rose Van Tiffin and Floy Whiting. My gold necklace and books of her own choosing to Miss Algeo. James Lane Allen's 'Reign of Law' to William Crapo Orrell. My watch to my son, William F. Newton.

"To friends wishing any such remembrance of me, some dainty handkerchief or fine underwear or gowns, to be disposed of at the discretion of my sister Jessie.

"To my son I leave the richest legacy—his mother's love—with last prayers for his guidance, and hope that he will grow to be a strong, true, brave, honorable man, who will venerate the rashness of his mother. While he is yet an infant I leave him to the guidance of Miss Margaret Algeo and Miss Mabel Stewart.

"To my faithful servant, Julia Copeland, I leave \$100 and all of my plain house dresses and aprons.

"I wish the bearers of my casket to be William Crapo Orrell, Marion Hyatt, Arthur Bishop and Dr. Campbell.

"GRACE H. NEWTON."

Mrs. Newton was 26 years of age when she shot herself. She had been married eight years to William Newton, an octogenarian, and as a result of their union had one child, a boy of 5 years, mentioned in the will.

The Newton family was one of the most prominent in eastern Michigan. Judge Newton had been on the circuit bench for thirty years, a Democratic office holder in a heavily Republican district. He is worth a quarter of a million.

It was Judge Newton's intense desire for an heir to his fortune that led to his marriage to a young girl eight years ago.

Grace Hughes had long been one of the most attractive and popular girls in Flint. Her father was a prosperous hardware merchant then, and after he moved to Auburn, N. Y., ten or a dozen years ago, Grace remained with her relatives in Flint for a couple of years before joining her parents.

Flint young ladies had long guessed that old Judge Newton wanted a young wife, but they were surprised one day to learn that he had gone to Auburn and married Grace Hughes.

It wasn't long after the return to Flint that friction began. The judge was old and did not care for social functions. His wife was young, attractive, popular and very fond of society. All his life Judge Newton had done just as he wanted to do, but after his marriage he sometimes accompanied his wife to social affairs. On such occasions young men took a delight in tantalizing him by paying attentions to his wife.

After a son was born and became old enough to be taken out the judge confined his attentions to the boy, who accompanied him almost everywhere, walking or driving.

Among the men who were attentive to Mrs. Newton was William Crapo Orrell. He belonged to one of Flint's best families and was a near relative of the late Henry H. Crapo, twice governor of Michigan. He was only 30

years of age and attractive in appearance. He is secretary of the Webster Vehicle Company of Flint, and a successful business man. Orrell's wife, a warm friend of Mrs. Newton, noticed his attentions, but made no objection, so far as known to the public.

Mrs. Newton's domestic relations she went to her parents' home in Auburn and remained there until ten days before her suicide. On August 31st, having made her will, she chose a time when every one, even the servants, were away and shot herself in the left side. When found later she was living, but unconscious.

She afterward revived, but would not talk, except to say that she "could not stand it any longer."

She died a few days later. Her friends attributed her unhappiness to her marriage, and bitterness arose on both sides.

To Judge Newton the suicide of his wife is a deep sorrow. He had been married once before and divorced thirty odd years ago. After the divorce the first Mrs. Newton moved to California. There she married a wealthy man who came to California from the east for his health. He did not live long and the former Mrs. Newton inherited his money. At her death a few years ago she left \$10,000 to her first husband, who in turn gave it to his son, the child of his second wife.

By his first wife Judge Newton had one daughter, who died years ago at the age of 14 years. The suicide of his young wife and the sensational circumstances connected with it are the only things that have ever caused gossip about him.

Newton was born in Ireland over eighty years ago. In his early days he knocked about the world, having among other things mined in California in the gold days of the fifties.

Nearly half a century ago he came to Michigan, studied law and was admitted to the bar. He was at the head of his profession almost from the beginning.

He was gruff in manner, but had a kindly side, and was esteemed for his ability and integrity.

Over thirty years ago Newton was elected judge of the Genesee circuit court and held the office continuously for twelve years. He ran for Congress once but was defeated. In 1892 he was the Democratic candidate for judge of the supreme court. Although Michigan is generally Republican by at least 50,000 votes, Newton was only defeated by 168. After retiring from the bench twenty years ago he was re-elected, and could have held the office until his death had he cared to.

BY AUTHORITY

AMENDMENT TO REGULATIONS REGARDING THE INTERMENT OF THE DEAD IN THE DISTRICT OF HONOLULU, ISLAND OF OAHU.

At a meeting of the Board of Health held on the 11th day of January, 1901, the regulations regarding the interment of the dead in the District of Honolulu was amended by adding thereto the words, "and not to the owners of such plots, to the jeopardy of the public health," so that said regulations shall read as follows:

"Resolved, That no permit for interments shall be granted within the city limits except to those already possessing burial plots, and not to the owners of such plots, to the jeopardy of the public health."

CHAS. WILCOX,
Secretary Board of Health,
Honolulu, January 11th, 1901.

Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the People's Ice and Refrigerating Co., Ltd., will be held Thursday, January 17, 1901, at the rooms of the Hawaiian Trust and Investment Company, at 1 p. m.

WM. O. ATWATER,
Secretary.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the Pearl City cemetery will be open for interments on and after Monday, November 5, 1900. A special funeral train will leave the railroad station at 2:15 p. m. daily, remaining at the cemetery until after all interments.

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Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Robert Grievie Publishing Company, Limited, will be held on Saturday, January 12, A. D. 1901, at two o'clock p. m., at the office of William A. Henshall, 333, 335, 337, Honolulu, H. T.

Per order of the Board of Directors,
EDWIN S. GILL,
Secretary.
Dated Honolulu, H. T., January 7, A. D. 1901.

The above meeting is hereby postponed to Saturday, January 19, 1901, at the same time of day and place.

By order of the Board of Directors,
Per EDWIN S. GILL,
Secretary.

SHATTUCK'S RESOLUTION.

Wants to Find Out Number of Male Citizens Denied the Franchise.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Representative Shattuck of Ohio today introduced the following resolution:

"Resolved, By the House of Representatives that the director of the census be directed to furnish this House at the earliest possible time the following information:

"First, the total number of male citizens of the United States over 21 years of age in each of the several states of the union.

"Second, the total number of male citizens of the United States over 21 years of age, who by reason of state constitutional limitations or state legislation are denied the right of suffrage, whether such denial exists on account of illiteracy, pauperism, polygamy or property qualifications, or for any other reason.

"Resolved, further, That the Speaker of the House of Representatives be authorized and directed to appoint a select committee of five members, who shall investigate the question of alleged abridgment of the elective franchise, for any of the causes mentioned, in all the states of the union in which constitutional or legislative restrictions in right of suffrage are claimed to exist."

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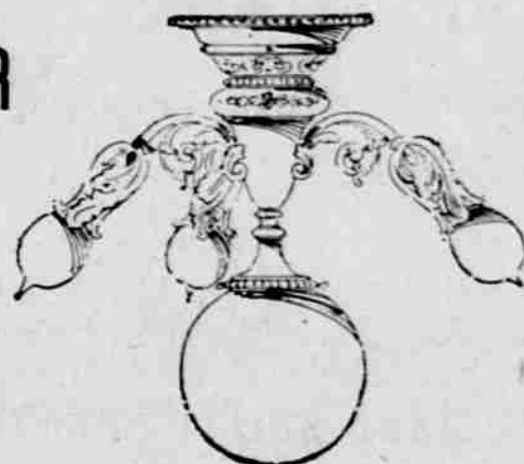
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